

helpful as an introduction to the field. Even those dealing mainly with children and adolescents who have such disabilities as hemophilia, muscular dystrophy, and spina bifida would be valuable in understanding the background of the handicapped college student. For others, however, the book is one to be skimmed, since only a few articles are relevant to academic libraries.—*Lucille Whalen, State University of New York at Albany.*

Conference on Resource Sharing in Libraries, University of Pittsburgh, 1976. *Library Resource Sharing*. Proceedings of the 1976 Conference on Resource Sharing in Libraries, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. By Allen Kent and Thomas J. Galvin. Books in Library and Information Science, v.21. New York: Marcel Dekker, Inc., 1977. 356p. \$29.75. LC 77-5399. ISBN 0-8247-6605-9.

Many librarians and administrators have considered resource sharing a partial answer to the escalating cost of library staff and materials. Encouraged by government and private foundation support, library consortia have multiplied to the point where the library without a consortial affiliation is the exception. With so much interest and involvement in cooperative library arrangements, it was to be expected that the Pittsburgh Conference on Library Resource Sharing held from September 29 to October 1, 1976, would attract outstanding contributors and participants, and that the papers presented would provide, not only a better understanding of the state of library cooperation, but also a look into its future.

Through prior distribution of position papers contributed primarily by members of the University of Pittsburgh faculty, conference participants were encouraged to focus on the goals of resource sharing, progress towards goals, problems needing attention, the economies of libraries, telecommunications, and the future. The varying quality of these key papers is reflected in the responses of the principal speakers or reactors. Some papers, such as Allen Kent's discussion of "The Goals of Resource Sharing in Libraries," stimulate thoughtful and appropriate responses, while others appear to be politely disregarded by the respondents.

Transcripts of discussions following the presentation of each major topic provide useful additional information.

The strength of this collection of papers is in the contributions of some of the outside principal speakers. Connie Dunlap's consideration of the cost of cooperation and our tendency to see it as the solution to all our problems; Allen Veaner's well-developed statement on progress and growth in resource sharing; William Axford's examination of obstacles to resource sharing; James Rush's contention that "pride in collection has got to be supplanted by pride in patronage (users)"; and John McDonald's plea for the establishment of a national periodical library are among the most thought-provoking essays. One could only wish that Allen Kent had expanded his limited comments on "Directions for the Future" at the conclusion of the conference.

Unfortunately, the quality of the editing leaves much to be desired. In view of the price of this volume, one would have hoped for more care in its preparation for publication.

Despite its shortcomings, *Library Resource Sharing* is a valuable book that should be read by librarians, most of whom find themselves involved in cooperative library programs.—*Willis Bridegam, Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts.*

*Louis Round Wilson Centennial Day.* "Library Education in the Southeast Since World War II" and "University Libraries and Change." Proceedings of Two Symposia Sponsored in Honor of Louis Round Wilson's 100th Birthday by the School of Library Science and University Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, December 2, 1976. Chapel Hill, N.C.: University Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1977. 65p.

*The Responsibility of the University Library Collection in Meeting the Needs of its Campus and Local Community.* A symposium in Honor of Melvin J. Voigt upon His Retirement as University Librarian of the University of California, San Diego, Friday, September 17, 1976. La Jolla, Calif.: Friends of the UCSD Library, 1977. 52p. \$3 if check accompanies order. (Order from Friends of the UCSD Li-